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MEMORANDUM FOR: Michael Malanick, ADDA

FROM :

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Coordination and Review Staff
Office of Legislative CounselSUBJECT : Chronological History of Purchase of Hillside
Safes Through GSA

1. In late September, we received a telephone request from Pete Roman, on the staff of the Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Spending Practices and Open Government, who reported that he had received an anonymous tip that the Agency had "half a warehouse full of defective safes from a subsidiary of Art Metals Corporation." Roman said that he had also been provided the names of two Agency employees who could provide him the details about these safes. After a discussion with Mr. Malanick, we decided and Mr. Roman agreed that at this time it would be better to make arrangements to provide him the pertinent documents on this matter.

2. On 2 October, Mr. Malanick provided this office with 23 documents which provide a chronological history of the purchase by CIA of Hillside Safes (a subsidiary of Art Metals Products). On 6 October, the undersigned showed Mr. Roman the 23 documents with the instructions that should he want any of these documents they would be released to him in an unclassified version and that the names of Agency employees would be deleted as appropriate. Mr. Roman concluded that he wanted the entire package of documents.

3. The release of document number 1, which was originated by the Department of State, was approved by Mr. James Kolesnik, Chief, FOIA Office of Security, Department of State. The release of documents numbers 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 was coordinated

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with Mr. Paul H. Riley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics, Department of Defense. Neither Mr. Riley nor Mr. Kolesnik had any objection to our releasing these documents to Mr. Roman in their entirety.

4. At the request of Mr. Malanick, the names of Agency employees, except for Messrs. [] Charles Kane and Howard Osborn, have been deleted from these documents. Mr. Malanick reviewed the attached material for classification purposes and determined that the Agency originated documents could be released to Mr. Roman in an unclassified form and those documents which bore classification markings or internal handling markings have been re-marked and declassified accordingly.

5. Attached is a set of the documents as they will be passed to Mr. Roman. Your concurrence on the release of this package is requested. When these documents are provided to Mr. Roman, we will request that no public use be made of these documents without prior clearances from the Agency.



Attachments:
As Stated

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* Should we request clearance with us before "public use" of documents is made? Under what circumstances would we grant, or refuse, clearance? RHP

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